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SUBJECT: MINLABOR MAY DAY ADDRESS

1. IN LABOR DAY ADDRESS DELIVERED EVENING APRIL 31, MINLABOR LIENDO STATED THAT GOA POLICY TOWARD LABOR WOULD BE BASED ON PHILOSOPHY THAT MILITARY COUP WAS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY SECTOR, AND THAT IT SOUGHT A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATE, BUSINESS AND LABOR. EXPANDING ON THAT STATEMENT, HE SAID THE FIVE FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF HIS PHILOSOPHY WERE: (1) TRADE UNION PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WITH FULL ASSURANCES THAT RIGHTS AND SOCIAL CONQUESTS WOULD BE SAFE-GUARDED; (1) CHANGES IN LABOR LEGISLATION WOULD NOT BE TO CASTIGATE LABOR BUT TO ERADICATE EXCESSES AND CORRUPTION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HARMONIOUS LABOR RELATIONS; (3) RENOVATION AND RE-ORGANIZATION OF LABOR LEADERSHIP TO ACHIEVE A DEMOCRATIC, REPRESENTATIVE UNION MOVEMENT LED BY "AUTHENTIC LEADERS"; (4) THE STATE ALONE WILL DETERMINE WAGE POLICY AND UNIONS MAY NEITHER SEEK NOR BUSINESS GRANT WAGE ADJUSTMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE DETERMINED BY THE GOVT; AND (5) NEITHER LABOR NOR MANAGEMENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO AID AND ABET ACTIVITIES OF FACTORY TERRORISTS.

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2. COMMENT. THERE WAS NOTHING IN GENERAL LIENDO'S SPEECH WHICH

COULD BE CONSIDERED OPTIMISTIC FOR EITHER THE WORKING MAN OR
ORGANIZED LABOR. LABOR CONTACTS OBSERVED THAT THEY LEARNED NOTHING
NEW VIS-A-VIS GOA POLICY TOWARDS ORGANIZED LABOR, AND THAT UNLESS
CLEARER GUIDELINES ARE FORTHCOMING "WITHIN ONE OR TWO MONTHS",
POPULAR AND UNION PROTESTS WILL BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY.
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